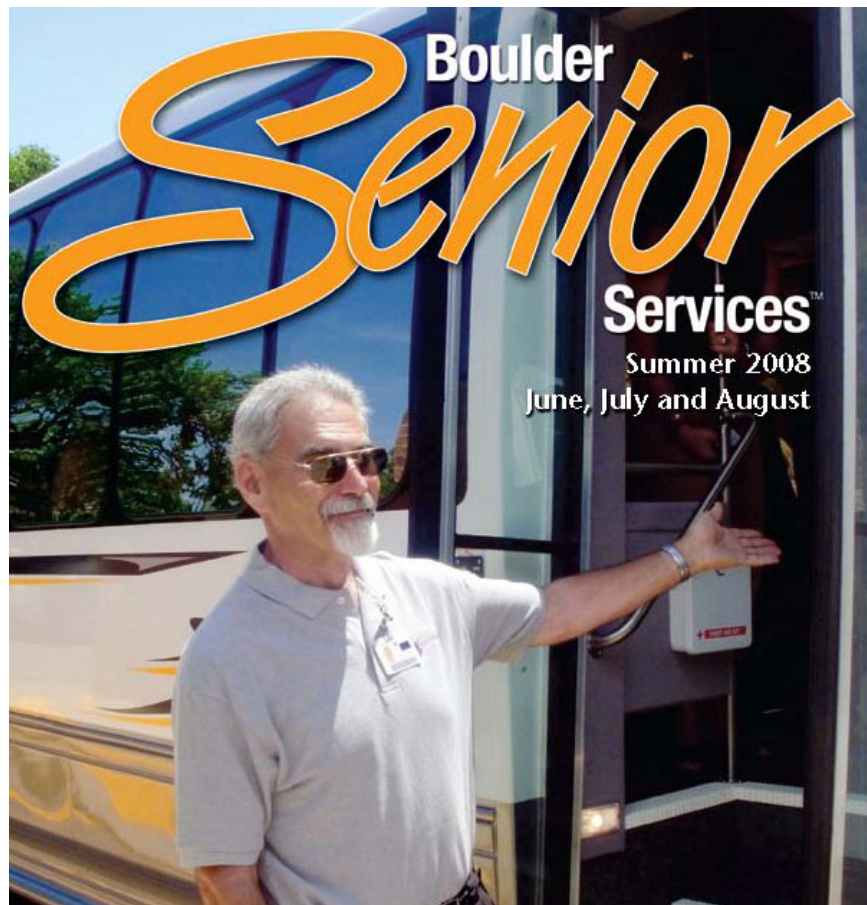


Dream Machine Update - May 14, 2008



We have reached a plateau of \$80,000 in our campaign to raise the \$124,000-plus to buy the 37-passenger Dream Machine. It would be encouraging if we could leave the plateau and start again scaling the mountain to the summit. A number of members, staff, and other friends of Senior Services have pledged or donated all or part of their economic stimulus tax rebate to the bus. Rebate checks and direct deposits from the U.S. treasury began flowing out on May 1st. The longer it takes to reach the purchase price, the higher the price will be. We have already experienced at the end of 2007 one rise in the estimated price.

We have begun working with the city's Fleet Service staff smaller and less expensive options, including 33- and 28-passenger busses. Either of those would still give us more seats than on our current 21-seat bus. Ideally, all of us would prefer the 37-passenger bus to meet the growing demand for day-trips in Boulder and in our partner, Lafayette Senior Services. But we don't want to wait forever to replace our vintage bus. July 1st is the target date on which we will see if we have raised funds for the 37-passenger or enough funds to buy a smaller bus. If a smaller bus is what we can afford, we still will want the comfort, diesel engine, and safety features that are in the specifications of the 37-seat bus.

If you have not yet made a pledge or donation to the new bus, please do so today. Let's resume our fund-raising mountain climb!